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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 630, RSMo, by adding thereto four new sections relating to the office of comprehensive child mental health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 630, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto four new sections, to be known as sections 630.1000, 630.1005, 630.1010, and 630.1015, to read as follows:

630.1000. 1. There is hereby established in the department of mental health an "Office of Comprehensive Child Mental Health". The office of comprehensive child mental health, under the supervision of the director of the department of mental health, shall provide leadership in developing and implementing the comprehensive child mental health service system plan established under section 630.097. The office shall:

(1) Assure oversight and monitoring of the implementation of the comprehensive child mental health service system plan;

(2) Provide support, technical assistance and training to all departments participating in the development and implementation of the comprehensive child mental health service system established under section 630.097;

(3) Develop and coordinate service system, financing and quality assurance policy for all children's mental health services within the department of mental health;

(4) Provide leadership in program development for children's mental health services within the department of mental health, to include developing program standards and providing technical assistance in developing program capacity;

(5) Provide clinical consultation, technical assistance and clinical leadership for all child mental health within the department and to other child-serving agencies participating in the comprehensive child mental health system;

(6) Participate in the work of the coordinating board for early childhood;

(7) Participate in interagency child mental health initiatives as directed; and

(8) Provide staff support and leadership to the state comprehensive system management team established under section 630.097.

2. The departments participating in the comprehensive child mental health service system established under section 630.097 shall designate staff to represent their respective department on the state comprehensive system management team.

630.1005. 1. There is hereby established in the department of mental health a "Comprehensive Child Mental Health Clinical Advisory Council". The council, under the supervision of the director of the department of mental health, shall advise the office of comprehensive child mental health established under section 630.000. The council shall be comprised of not more than ten members and shall include individuals representing the following disciplines: pediatric medicine, child psychiatry, child psychology, social work, clinical counseling, school psychologist, research, financing, and evaluation. The director of the department of mental health, or his or her designee, and a member of the office of comprehensive child mental health established under section 630.1000, shall serve as ex officio members of the council.

2. The members of the council, other than the ex officio members, shall be appointed by the director of the department of mental health and shall serve for three-year terms. Members shall serve on the council without compensation but may be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses from moneys appropriated to the department of mental health for that purpose. Members of the advisory council shall:

(1) Share with the council and department information on state and national trends, evidenced-based practices and research findings within their respective fields;

(2) Serve as a liaison with their respective discipline to obtain and disseminate information;

(3) Identify funding and research opportunities within their respective field; and

(4) Advise the department in ways that knowledge from their respective field can be merged within other fields to provide a comprehensive system.

630.1010. 1. The department of mental health in partnership with the child-serving agencies represented on the comprehensive system management team established under section 630.097, shall conduct an analysis of all state funding for child mental health in all departments providing or purchasing child mental health services. The analysis shall:

(1) Identify all state funding for child mental health and develop a methodology to routinely compile this information;

(2) Identify methods to assure effective use and enhancement of state dollars to serve children, youth and their families; and

(3) Recommend appropriate financing methodologies for child mental health that will maximize efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability.

2. The analysis shall be submitted to the governor and general assembly by January 1, 2006, and the recommendations shall be submitted to the governor and general assembly by July 1, 2006.

630.1015. The comprehensive system management team established under section 630.097, shall establish a process to assist communities in establishing comprehensive systems of care for child mental health services; capacity development for family support; respite and school-based services; and development of local funding for child mental health services.

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